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INDIA AS A HUB OF GLOBAL CAR MANUFACTURING
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the potential of emerging as a major designing and engineering hub for global car manufacturing; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure a conducive atmosphere for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.The Vision of Automotive Mission Plan 2006-16 launched by the Prime Minister envisages India to emerge as the destination of choice in the world for design and manufacture of automobiles and auto components with output reaching a level of US$145 billion, accounting for more than 10% of the GDP and providing additional employment to 25 million people by 2016. The National Automotive Testing R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) is the single largest initiative taken by the Government to set up world-class automotive testing and homologation facilities in India with a total investment of Rs.1718 crore to give Indian automotive sector an edge over the emerging automotive destinations of the world.